

**WINCHESTER COMMON COUNCIL & WINCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD
JOINT MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2013**

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A Joint Meeting of the Winchester Common Council and Winchester School Board was held on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 in the cafeteria at Quarles Elementary School. President John Willingham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilor Evan Clark, John Hill, John Tagnesi and Ben Weber; Vice-President Milt McInturff; Mayor Elizabeth Minor; Vice-Mayor Les Veach; President John Willingham (8)

ABSENT: Councilor Jeff Buettner (1)

2.0 Recommendation of the School Board regarding the John Kerr Elementary School PPEA Proposals

School Board Chair John Bishop announced the Board decided to enter into a contract with the Shockey P3 team for the Jefferson Street site.

Executive Director Kevin McKew presented a brief summary of the traditional and PPEA project delivery methods and a timeline of the events occurred to date. He stated the next steps would be to negotiate the Comprehensive Agreement to be adopted by the School Board and City Council, the geotechnical investigation, plan and specification development, and construction. There is still an opportunity for a fall 2015 opening but it will take timely decisions from the School Board and City Council. He would like to have the Comprehensive Agreement approved by the end of November to allow for the fall 2015 opening.

WPS Member Stewart Bell asked if a mid-year occupancy would be possible. Mr. McKew stated it would be possible but they may need to look at the school year calendar to lengthen the Winter Break system wide.

Council President John Willingham asked when Council will need to make decisions. City Manager Dale Iman stated at the November 5, 2013 meeting, staff will be prepared to go over the proposals and the schedules for each. A discussion could also be held on the impacts to the City in terms of the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. McKew stated after the draft agreement is presented to the School Board on November 11th, it can be sent to Council to review under executive session. The draft agreement will be as close to the final form as possible.

Vice-Mayor Veach asked City Attorney Anthony Williams what the State charges Council with the PPEAs. Mr. Williams stated recently, Council has been exposed to a couple of PPEAs but the capacity Council serves is not the same for each. In the County PPEA, staff helped put together concerns the City may have with the proposal that the County has to consider but it is not a reviewable authority. With the John Kerr PPEA, the City is the jurisdiction for the School Board. Therefore,

State Code says the School Board cannot enter into an agreement without Council's approval. Council will need to consider if this is the best interest of the City and the Schools.

President Willingham asked what is in the Comprehensive Agreement. Mr. McKew stated all of the information from the proposal and the information from the School Board is accumulated into the contract. This is the technical basis of the contract along with language that is usually included for delays, completion, etc.

President Willingham asked if the road extension is encompassed in the agreement. Mr. Iman stated the cost of Nester Drive and the Jefferson Street cul-de-sac is not included but Shockey is saying they can build it. Staff is in discussions to see if the City can use the PPEA in the competitive bid process in order to use VDOT Revenue Sharing funding. If not, it may have to go to bid.

Mr. Bell stated Shockey is anticipating being able to use Nester Drive as a construction entrance so that will need to be taken into consideration if it has to go out to bid.

President Willingham asked Finance Director Mary Blowe if a supplemental appropriation will be needed once the agreement is agreed on. Ms. Blowe stated she would do a mid-year or end of year appropriation to the Schools.

3.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President McInturff moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Weber than approved 8/0.*

Kari J. Van Diest, CMC
Deputy Clerk of the Common Council